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INCREASE IN POPULATION GROWTH
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the population in less developed states is rapidly on the rise ;

(b) if so, whether the population growth in such states is a matter of concern;

(c) if so, whether the Government has adopted any strategy to check the growth of population in less developed States in the Country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) A statement showing State wise decadal growth rate and average annual exponential growth rate of population during the periodl971-81,1981-91andl991-2001is annexed.

(b) to (d) Various steps have been taken by the Government to effectively implement the Population stabilization programmes. These include:

i) adoption of National Population Policy (NPP) in 2000;

ii) onstitution of National Commission on Population;

iii) registration of the National Population Stabilization Fund;

iv) constitution of an Empowered Action Group(EAG) for focused attention on 8 demographically weaker States namely Bihar, Jharkhand, M-P-, Chhattisgarh, U.P., Utteranchal, Orrisa and Rajasthan;

v) The Government has launched the National Rural Health Mission(NRHM) for the entire country with special emphasis on 18 identified States having vulnerable social demographic indices to bring architectural correction in the health care system and also to provide integrated comprehensive health services especially for the rural poor. For the purpose of all the ongoing vertical health programmes in respect of communicable diseases (except HIV/AIDS and Cancer) alongwith the programmes of Reproductive and Child Health and Mainstreaming of AYUSH have been brought under the strategy ofNRHM.

vi) The Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) Programme was launched in 1997 by the Government for provision of reproductive, maternal, child health and contraceptive services to the people and the same has now.been remodelled and introduced as Phase ll of RCH which is now a crucial component of National Rural Health Mission (NRHM)launched by government recently.